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Michael Smull, Keynote Speaker

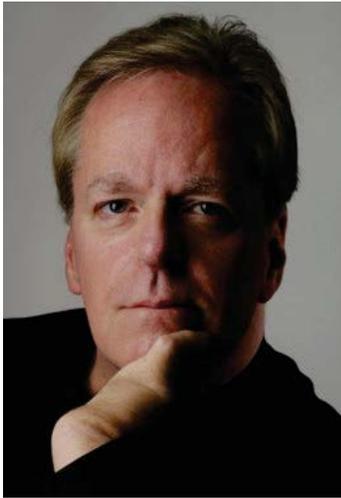
Michael Smull has been working with people who use long term supports and services for the past 43 years. He is the principle in a small consulting group Support Development Associates (www.sdaus.com) and the founder and Chair of The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices (www.learningcommunity.us)

Mr. Smull is the co-developer of a person centered thinking curricula and of essential lifestyle planning. Mr. Smull has provided training and consultation in 47 states, and 6 countries. He has helped found 3 community agencies, assisted existing agencies to convert from programs to supports, and assisted states, regions, and counties to change their structures to support self-direction. Mr. Smull has written extensively on person centered thinking and planning, the challenge of changing to a person centered system, and issues relating to supporting people with challenging behaviors. He has been a lead consultant on a number of grants and contracts including a “real choice systems change” grant funded by CMS, working Virginia Commonwealth University in 6 states to establish person centered thinking, planning, and practices within the core functions of the DD systems. He is continuing to work with states and agencies in their efforts to have an effective person centered approach to services and supports, including the state operated behavioral services in Minnesota. He is also working with the Administration for Community Living on person centered counseling for the “no wrong door” effort. . Mr. Smull is the recipient of the 2015 Compass Award from the National Association of Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services and the 2006 American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities service award.



Presented by: Paul R. LePage, Governor

Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner



Dr. Burton D. Pusch

Dr. Pusch’s 30+ year career has focused on ensuring full inclusion, equitable rights, self-determination, and innovative healthcare design for persons with disabilities. He has served on regional, state and national disability rights committees; established innovative programs and businesses; conducted research for the CDC; consulted with public and private rehabilitation and healthcare organizations; taught in post-secondary institutions; and developed and taught instructional courses for private healthcare companies.



Stephen R. Andrew, LCSW, LADC, CCS, CGP

Stephen R. Andrew, LCSW, LADC, CCS, CGP, is a storyteller, trainer and the Chief Energizing Officer of Health Education Training Institute. He maintains a compassion- focused private practice in Portland, Maine USA where he also facilitates a variety of young person, men’s, co-ed, couples and caregiver groups.

Stephen is a member of the International Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) since 2003. He is a MIA-STEP trainer (Motivational Interviewing Assessment; Supervisor Training Program) for the New England ATTC since 2007. Stephen has been Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity trained and has over 100 hours of training in Motivational Interviewing. Stephen provides coaching and training domestically and internationally (Singapore, China, Holland, Sweden, Turkey & UK) for social service agencies, health-care providers, substance abuse counselors, criminal justice and other groups on motivational interviewing, addiction, co-occurring disorders, counseling theory, “challenging” adolescents, supervision and ethics for care professionals, men’s work and the power of group work, as well as supervising a coding/ coaching laboratory and training for Motivational Interviewing.

Stephen is the proud father of an 18 year-old son, Sebastian and co-author of [Game Plan: A Man’s Guide to Achieving Emotional Fitness.](#)

